

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA****CLERK'S OFFICE****NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES****DOCKET NO. 2016-384-S****Application of Moore Sewer, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges**

Moore Sewer, Inc. (Moore Sewer or the Company) has filed an Application for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modification of Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Collection-Only Sewer Service. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§58-5-240 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4. Moore Sewer states in its Application that the rate relief requested is justified because rate relief was last granted to Moore Sewer on August 5, 2003. As part of the Company's request for rate relief, Moore Sewer states that its pending request is necessary, in part, for the Company to provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, cover its expenses, be permitted to earn a reasonable return on its investment, and attract capital for future improvements.

The Company requests that the Commission approve the monthly sewerage collection service charges set forth in the rate schedule attached to the Application by reference as Exhibit A. Also, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503, Moore Sewer proposes to modify certain non-recurring charges, as provided in Exhibit A. Moreover, the Company seeks to collect a flat rate of \$250.00 as a deposit from its customers. Thus, the Company requests that the Commission waive a portion of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-531.1(A), as the Company intends to prove that a flat rate deposit in this amount will assist in minimizing the negative financial consequences of non-payment while ensuring that customers continue to receive reliable service.

**CURRENT CHARGES – SEWER SERVICE**

1. MONTHLY CHARGE
  - a. Residential - \$20.88
  - b. Commercial - \$20.88
2. NONRECURRING CHARGES
  - a. New Customer Set-Up - \$10.00
  - b. Notification of Disconnection - \$18.00

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES SEWER COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION CHARGES**

1. Monthly Recurring Charge
  - A. Residential Base Sewer \$45.00
  - B. Waste Treatment - As Billed by Spartanburg Water to Moore Sewer, Inc. for Linville Hills Only - Charge is Evenly Divided by Active Households
2. Nonrecurring Charges
  - A. Customer Deposit - \$250.00  
Amount to Cover Three Months Billing
    - First Bill - Customer has 25 days to Pay
    - Second Bill - Customer is mailed Termination of Service Notice. Has 30 days to pay
    - Third Bill - Customer is mailed Second and Final Notice - Sewer to be disconnected in not Less than 10 Days not more than 30 Days for Non Payment
  - B. New Customer Set-Up \$20.00  
This One-Time Fee will be charged to initiate each New Account.

- C. New Customer Connection Fee \$35.00  
To Begin Sewer Service for a New Customer when Applicable
- D. Notification of Disconnection \$25.00  
This Fee shall be charged to each Customer to whom the Company mails a Notice of Discontinuance of Service as required by Commission Rule 103-535.1 Prior to service being discontinued. This Fee assesses a portion of the Clerical and Mailing Costs of such Notice to the Customer creating the Cost.
- E. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, the Company may require a Customer with a Poor Payment History to pay a deposit prior to reconnection as Set Forth in Commission Regulation 103-531.(D).

A Reconnection Fee of \$250.00 shall be due prior to the Company Reconnecting Service which has been disconnected for any Reason Set Forth in Commission Regulation 103-532.4. Where an Elder Valve has been previously installed, a Reconnection Charge Of \$35.00 will be due. The amount of the Reconnection Fee shall be in accordance with Commission Regulation 103-532.4, and shall be changed to conform with that Rule as It may be amended from Time to Time.

F. Damage/Tampering Charges

In the event the Company's Equipment, Facilities, or Parts have been Damaged or Tampered with, the Company may Charge the Customer Residing at the Damaged Premises the Actual Cost of Repairing the Company's Equipment or Facilities, or Replacing the Damaged Part or Parts, Not to Exceed **\$250.00**. The Damage/Tampering Fee shall be Paid in Full prior to the Company Re- Establishing Service or Continuing the Provision of Sewer Service. Any additional Costs incurred due to the Damage/Tampering by a Customer may be pursued through other Legal Mechanisms at the Company's Discretion.

G. Late Penalty Charge

The Company may charge a Late-Payment Penalty up to the Maximum Amount allowed by Applicable South Carolina Statute and/or Public Service Commission of South Carolina Rule.

H. NSF Check Charge

The Company may Charge a NSF Check Charge up to the Maximum Amount allowed by Applicable South Carolina Statute.

- I. Tap Fee \$ 1,500.00, plus \$2,000.00 If Road Cut is Required, Per Single Family Equivalent.  
This Fee is to cover the Actual Cost to Connect to the Moore Sewer, Inc. System which will include the installation of an Elder Valve located near the road, and the required inspections.

3. Billing Cycle

Customers are billed in Arrears for Service provided. New Customer Connection Fee and their Deposit are due and payable at the Time of Initiation, in advance of service being provided.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2016-384-S. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the office of John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, and Justine Tate, Esquire, Adams and Reese, LLP, 1501 Main Street, 5th Floor, Columbia, SC 29201.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **February 8, 2018**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2016-384-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **February 8, 2018**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2016-384-S.***

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through May 23, 2018, if necessary.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):**

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **4/12/2018**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **4/27/2018**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **5/7/2018**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **5/15/2018**. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under ***Docket No. 2016-384-S.***

Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **February 8, 2018**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2016-384-S.***

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and ***Docket No. 2016-384-S.***

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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